

# GOOD Morning!

THE BETTER HALF

By Bob Barnes



"... Not at all, in fact I think you're about the most interesting 'wrong number' I've ever talked to..."

## Today's Chuckle

There's a psychiatrist who has two mailboxes on his desk—one marked "outgoing" and the other "inhibited."

## Oil's Poils

The egotistical wolf (says the Emporia, Kan., Gazette) is one who feels that if a girl doesn't turn around by the second time he whistles, she's probably too hard of hearing to be much fun, anyway.

Earl Wilson

## Disarmed

Shoppers swap excuse-it smiles  
Colliding down the crowded aisles;  
Madam, I forgive your whack  
But please, I'd like my elbow back.

Elinor K. Rose

## Daffynitions

**Middle Age:** The period when you go all out and end up all in.

**Life:** The predicament that precedes death.

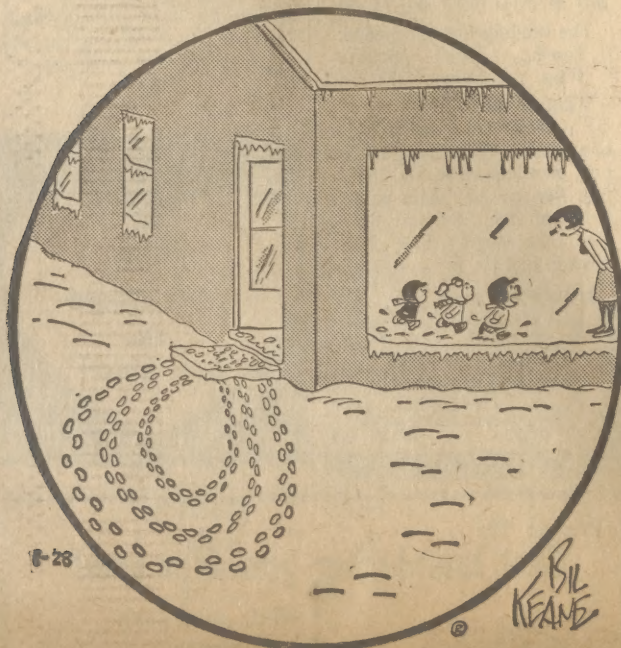
**Alimony:** A system by which one pays for the mistakes of two.

**Old-Timer:** One who remembers when the three Rs didn't mean robbin', riotin' and reefer.

**Money:** Something that things run into and people run out of.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

by Bil Keane



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SECTION B

## COIN COLLECTOR'S SOLUTION

# The mystery of the

By LUCINDA BENZEL  
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

At a time when everyone else is discussing the diminishing value of a dollar, Eric P. Newman has published a book about one recently valued at \$29,000.

The coin in question—a silver dollar bearing the date 1804—apparently has been the most written about, the most fought over subject in American coin collecting circles for the past 100 years.

"It's the most complicated problem in American numismatics," Mr. Newman told us one day last week in his office at Edison Brothers Stores. Then with a smile he added, "That's why I decided to try to straighten it out."

Doing research on old coins has been Mr. Newman's hobby for about 20 years. His specific interest is trying to untangle mysteries.

Admitting that he's devoted to his hobby, he said "I do research all over the United States and other parts of the world."

## OFFICIAL SECRECY

"Sometimes I go there, sometimes I work through microfilms. But I primarily concentrate on the coins themselves."

Nonetheless, the coins can lead to a great many intriguing discoveries especially in the case of the 1804 dollar where much official secrecy and sleight of hand is indicated.

"It's been suspected over the years that the 1804 dollar was fraudulent," Mr. Newman explained. "It's known that the coins were made at the United States Mint, but the circumstances were never disclosed."

After working on the problem, along with his other numismatic studies, for several years, in 1959 Mr. Newman came in contact with three other enthusiasts who were also doing independent research on the controversial dollar.

Pooling their efforts into a team approach, the four numismatists worked for several more years. "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" is the result, with the text written by Mr. Newman.

The pedigree history of each of the 15 known specimens of



NUMISMATIST ERIC P. NEWMAN  
American coin in his book, "The  
coins was for \$29,000.

and didn't resume authorized coinage of them until 1840.

One of the many entertaining chapters to the 1804 dollar story, Mr. Newman said, was the elaborate explanations of their supposed disappearance.

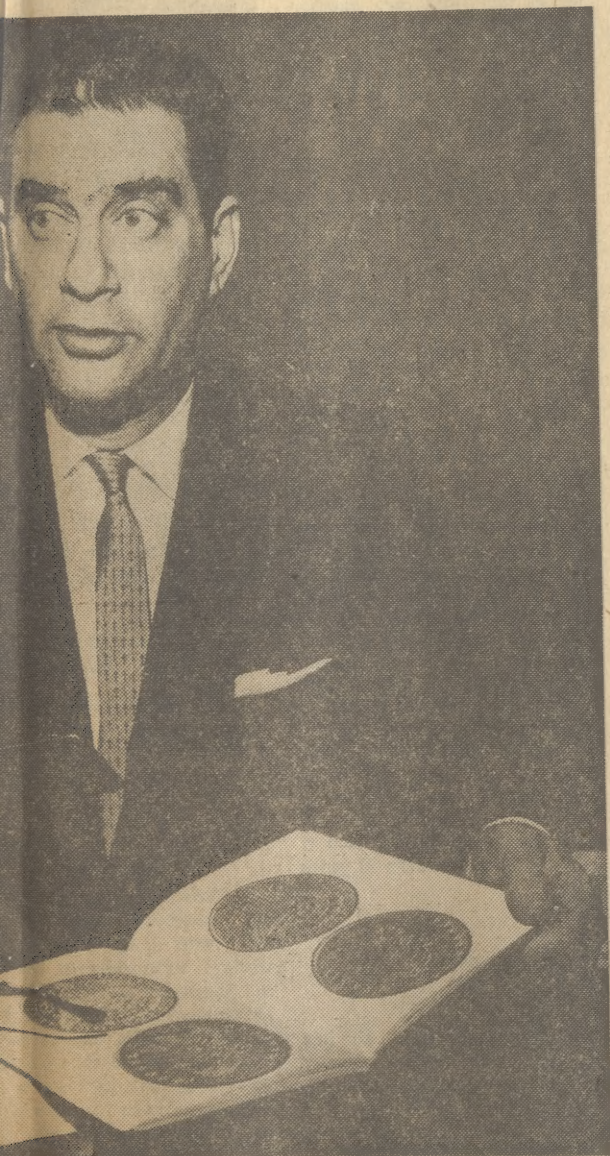
Since confusing records indicated that they did exist, but no one had ever seen the coin prior to an illustration published in 1842, fabrications blamed the



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### fraudulent dollar



MAN set out to solve the mystery of the most controversial  
e Fantastic 1804 Dollar." The most recent sale of one of the  
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## Wise patient carries medical information

BY WALTER C. ALVAREZ, M.D.

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More and more people, especially diabetics who are taking large doses of insulin, are coming to realize that they should carry always with them a note about their illness and the medicine they are taking, so that if they go into an insulin reaction, in which they become mentally confused and act strangely, the police will not arrest them for drunkenness, and then perhaps leave them in jail until they die or suffer serious injury to their brain.

What is sad about insulin reactions is that often the person who is slipping into one either does not realize what is happening, or he loses his ability to do anything about the situation. He neither tells the people around him he is in trouble, nor does he take from his pocket the sugar that would quickly bring him out of his woozey state.



Dr. Alvarez

Such a man ought always to wear a special bracelet that contains the necessary information—that he is a diabetic and that the sugar he carries with him can cure him if he starts to act peculiarly. Some men carry the information in a belt buckle; others carry it in their wallet or their billfold; and women carry it in their handbag, but the bracelet is the most obvious, and hence the best carrier of the information. To carry it in one's wallet or billfold is not so good, because a bystander might misinterpret the action of someone, perhaps a policeman, who would go through a sick man's pockets or billfold.

Today, thousands of men who have had a heart attack are taking a drug which keeps their blood from clotting too well. If such a man should happen to have an auto accident which tears open an artery, he might easily bleed to death unless the doctor who arrives quickly learns that he is taking the anti-coagulant drug, and then gives him some vitamin K to restore the ability of his blood to clot.

A few people are now supplying the necessary record holders, and their addresses can be obtained by writing me at

of those many persons who while driving a car run into and kill someone on the highway. Every year we in this country read much about efforts that should be made to cut down on the 37,000 deaths that take place each year on our streets and highways, but nothing much seems ever to be done, and each year the number of terrible accidents remains about the same.

Only when a state—such as Connecticut—gets tough with reckless drivers is the number of accidents lessened. I have read that no reduction in the terrible toll of highway accidents can be expected so long as there is no good reason why a man in an elective position should make hundreds of enemies for himself by taking away the licenses of all those persons who have shown repeatedly that they drive when drunk, or have the type of reckless personality that makes for fatal accidents.

Now I read that in Cleveland, Ohio, 86 of 132 drivers involved in fatal accidents were found to have had at least one previous traffic violation. The 86 bad drivers had been up 423 times for traffic violations, and 373 of their "tickets" had been for hazardous maneuvers, like making a U turn on a busy street, or going through a stop-light or making a left turn from a lane on the right. These people had shown repeatedly that they were just the sort of persons who, by their unlawful and careless and unwise behavior, were likely someday to kill and maim a car-full of people.

What bothers me is that we do not often enough take away from such people their license to drive. Until we do take away the license of a person who thinks nothing of racing past a stop sign and perhaps



DEAR ABBY

# How to have a party without really trying

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Dear Abby:

The other day my husband and I received an invitation to attend a party at the home of some friends. They said, "Bring your own bottle and we will fix a midnight supper for \$2 a couple."

We couldn't go because we had already made other plans, but we were shocked.

We are all young-marrieds in our late twenties and most of us are not well-to-do, but when we invite people to our home we expect to feed them. Is this something new?



Abby

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

"BYOB" (bring your own bottle) parties are not uncommon among young-marrieds, but in my opinion that doesn't make it right. The \$2 supper is pure chintz—and I don't mean a slipcover.

Dear Abby:

Statistics show that widows and divorcees have a 70 per cent better chance of getting a husband than an unmarried woman. WHY? Why do men want two- and three-times divorced women? What do these has-beens have that we respectable never-married girls don't?

Bachelor Girl, Age 32

Dear Bachelor Girl:

Respectable, never-married girls are saying "I do" every day. Don't snipe at one who has loved and lost—just because she gets another chance.

Dear Abby:

When I had my first child (a boy) my mother-in-law adored him and still does. When I had my second (a little girl) she said she had never seen such a homely baby. She told me she'd take care of my oldest child any time but not the little girl. I am ashamed to admit this to anyone but you, Abby, but she hates my daughter. She brings gifts for the boy and fusses over him, and ignores the little girl. It hurts me terribly. How can I get her to like my daughter?

Sleepless Nights

Dear Sleepless:

You can't get her to "like" your daughter—but you can tell her if she doesn't stop

showing favoritism she is not welcome to see either of the children. Perhaps your husband can straighten her out. She's his mother.

Dear Abby:

Is it proper for a lady to ask a man to dance? My wife broke her leg two months ago, so she isn't able to dance. But she enjoys going to our club on Saturday night to watch the other people dance. A few women at the club have come over and asked me to dance with them. They have husbands but they are wandering all over asking other women to dance. My wife says it is rude of me to refuse a lady when she asks me to dance, but I would feel like a fool dancing while my wife sat with her leg in a cast. I'd like your thinking.

Can't Decide.

Dear Can't:

Only when it's "ladies' choice" is it proper for a woman to ask a man to dance. Even if your wife insists she doesn't mind, unless YOU really want to, decline their invitations and sit with your wife.

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What's on your mind?

For a personal reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Word Game

Today's Word—UMBILICUS (Umbilicus: um BIL i kus. The navel.)

Average mark, 15 words. Time limit, 25 minutes.

Can you find 19 or more dictionary words in "umbilicus"? The list will be published tomorrow.

Rules of the Game: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words which acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats," "cats," are not used. 3. Only one form of a word is used. 4. Proper names are not used.

Saturdays Word—RIGHTMOST

right	grot	trig	omits
riots	hist	trot	shirt
ghost	hoist	trigo	shot
giro	host	troth	short
girt	thirst	mitt	shim
gist	this	mist	sight
girth	trio	mirth	sigh
grim	tight	might	smith
grits	tort	moist	smog
grit	tosh	most	sort
grist	trim	moth	sori
grith	trio	mort	storm
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illustration, is the work of Kenneth E. Bressett, numismatic editor of Whitman Publishing Company. Walter H. Breen and Lynn Glaser were their associates in research.

## UNEARTHED STORY

Admitting that their hope was to write "the last work on the subject," the research team attempted to unearth the entire story of the 1804 dollar, not just isolated quirks in its suspicious past.

As Mr. Newman summarized his discoveries for our benefit, he began by pointing out that since the establishment of the U.S. Mint in 1792, the law specifies that all coins should bear the date of the year in which they are coined.

Thus, although the reverse dies might be reused from year to year until they wore out, the obverse dies—those which produced the side of the coin bearing the principal design, lettering and date—could not be used lawfully after the end of their designated year.

However, as a result of his extensive research, Mr. Newman believes that the practice of using these dies after they had "expired" was not uncommon in the early days of the Mint.

From his study of official records in the National Archives, he concludes that although the Mint did "strike" silver dollars in the first three months of 1804 that year's date was not used on the coins.

## COINAGE STOPPED

Mr. Newman also told us that, as an economic necessity to stop the outflow of silver from this country, the Mint stopped coinage of silver dollars in 1804

Barbary Pirates, ships sunk at sea, ransom payments or melting at the Mint as being responsible for their nonexistence.

Actually, according to Mr. Newman, the 1804 dollar never did exist until 1834-35.

## MADE AS GIFTS

At that time, a special agent for the State Department, Edmund Roberts, was negotiating trade treaties with several foreign dignitaries, among them the King of Siam and the Imam of Muscat. In preparation for his second visit to these rulers, he requested various gifts for them, including complete sets of United States coins.

In November, 1834, the State Department directed the Mint to prepare two sets of coins "of each kind now in use," and Roberts' memorandum book shows that he delivered the sets in Oct. 1835 and April 1836.

Last year at the American Numismatic Association's annual convention, a talk by David B. Spink "not only disclosed the existence of a previously unknown 1804 dollar but also revealed the fact that it was in a presentation case with other United States coins." Mr. Newman reported in his book.

This was the first positive evidence concerning the origin of the 1804 dollar, according to the author.

Since there had been no coinage of silver dollars for approximately 30 years at the time the sets were requested, the problem of obtaining new and attractive coins for presentation was thrust upon the Mint officials.

Taking the matter into their own hands, Mr. Newman de-

## Exercise will result in in

BY IDA JEAN KAIN

Homemakers, to have slim good looks and fresh energy, be sure to fit exercises into your daily schedule. Regular exercise can give you new life. With toned muscles you may weigh slightly more but look and feel slimmer than you could with flabby muscles. This letter from a homemaker carries conviction:

"I can heartily subscribe to your exercise plan. Although I have actually put on some weight this past year, all my friends keep asking me what I've been doing to lose! I certainly credit my daily exercises — those I do on my own, which are the contraction exercises you suggest, and those which I do with the TV program. Tell your readers that regular exercise will give them much more energy, as well as contribute to better posture. Continue your good work . . . and more power to you!"

Friends, the rewards accru-

ing from a small amount of daily conditioning are almost beyond measure. It takes surprisingly little exercise to maintain tone in the muscles. Just a quarter-hour a day will work wonders, provided you make the figure-controlling muscles the target and hold the contraction.

The flabbiest muscles in the midsection are likely to be the group of front muscles — the four pairs of abdominals. Start the toning there with single leg-raising from the flat-on-the-back position. Why not double leg-raising to make it twice as streamlining? Because that exercise imposes too much strain on weak muscles; also it tends to pull the small of the back off the floor, which leads to swayback and a compensatory outcurve of the abdomen.

Take beginning exercises from the safety position.

Position: Lying on back on mat on floor, or on bed with





THIS SPECIMEN of the controversial silver dollar is part of the National Collection in the Smithsonian Institution.

duces, they cut new dies for an 1804 dollar, although there was no authorization or lawful justification for their actions. One good reason they were able to thoroughly conceal the fabricated coin, he added, was the far-reaching nepotism in the "one big happy family." In support of his conclusions that the dies for the 1804 dollar were actually cut during the 1834-35 period, Mr. Newman offers a substantial amount of technical proof, including the fact that there were significant changes in methods of coin production after 1804. Certain of these methods were not developed until 1833-1836. In addition to the "extra" specimens which the Mint employees struck for themselves while preparing the presentation sets, in 1858 someone with access to the dies contributed several more 1804 dollars to numismatic circulation. Today, Mr. Newman concluded, there are 15 known specimens of the controversial coin.

Admittedly a "nut" on the subject of coins, the author told us he traveled as far as Malta, London and Paris to check on specific facets for research for the book.

ARMCHAIR SLEUTH

On the other hand, he was able to do a great deal of armchair studying.

"Microfilm has opened up all sorts of opportunities for researchers like myself," he noted. "I can sit at home reading old newspapers and other materials projected on the wall."

An attorney as well as an author, Eric Newman confesses to being a stickler for perfection in his research, even when his subject is the "King of American Coins."

His conclusion to the 1804 dollar project deposed the King as a mere imposter. But in his book he softened the blow by conceding that it at least "was made for a King."

Increased energy

firm mattress; left knee bent, right leg straight down. Action: Raise right leg straight up in air and lower slowly. As leg is lowered, keep abdominal muscles strongly contracted until the end of the movement. Repeat exercise slowly, three time with each leg, later six times. Count out loud to ten as leg is lowered.

To get the exercise habit, check off each day on a big calendar at the finish of your exercise period. Let no day go by without taking contraction exercises! In as short a time as three weeks you'll measure slimmer and feel younger. Why not have slim good looks?

Ben Burroughs' Sketches 'The Strongest Link'

The greatest recourse in this life . . . is something known as prayer. . . . God gave mankind this treasure . . . it's free for all to share . . . prayer gives us strength to carry on . . . and faith to make our way . . . it lightens the burdens we carry . . . throughout each toilsome day . . . prayer is a friend we can count on . . . when others ignore our pleas . . . conversation with the Master . . . puts all weary hearts at ease . . . life without prayer would be empty . . . and roads would be rougher to trod . . . it's the strongest link in the righteous chain . . . that links mankind to God.

Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa. There is a non-emergency type of medical record which many a person, and especially one with a rare and puzzling type of disease, would do well to carry—for the instruction of a physician who may be called to take care of him or her in London, or Cairo or Honolulu. This record can be microfilmed, so it will take even less space than does a credit card.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

As a physician, I am always interested in reading about the psychic and medical problems

go on having 37,000 fatal accidents a year, plus many more non-fatal ones.

One common complaint of readers has to do with head noises. Dr. Alvarez has prepared a 25-cent booklet which will be of interest to those readers. You may get a copy of it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. SL, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

THE FAMILY COUNCIL

Little sibling rivalry is a natural thing

MRS. L.B.: She shouldn't leave the baby in Gary's care. MRS. M.A.: Why not? He adores having a baby sister. MRS. L.B. I've been a close friend of Mrs. A. for many years. That's why I'm presenting this matter to The Council. She won't listen to me.

MRS. M.A. Gary awaited the arrival of little Nina as eagerly as my husband and I did. We let him in on the secret ahead of time, and from then on it was hardly a secret. He couldn't contain his joy and told everyone who would listen that "we" were getting a new baby. He really feels like a partner in responsibility for his little sister.

She was divorced from her first husband, and has a 10-year-old son. Two years ago she remarried and has just given birth to a lovely daughter. She doesn't seem to see all the problems this brings up in her son's life. But others do. I've noticed him putting his hands to his ears when people gush over the new baby. If possible, he runs out of the room. Nevertheless, Mrs. A. insists that Gary is wild about the baby and she plans to use him as a baby sitter. Even with no divorce in the background, there's some jealousy. In Gary's case, his parents seem blind.

I know Mrs. B. is trying to warn me about jealousy. But how can a boy be jealous of a baby who adds to his own pleasure and doesn't take anything away from him? Gary is still the only son we have, and he still gets plenty of love and attention from me. When he "acts up" in Mrs. B.'s presence it's because he hates to hear the usual lady-talk about babies. He says it sounds so silly. Alone with Nina, he's very gentle and tender.

THE COUNCIL: Mrs. A must realize that her 10-year-old son wouldn't be normal if he didn't feel some resentment toward the cuddly pink bundle which joins him in the right to call her Mother. The trouble is he can't show or reveal it as readily as he can his pride and joy, which are just as normal. All Mrs. B. is trying to get across to her friend is that saying it isn't so doesn't mean it isn't so, and that it's a better idea to expect, even encourage, Gary to feel bad about Nina at times and to own up to it.

love, no punishment, will follow his frank unburdening, because—as Harry Golden would put it—he's "entitled."

If his true, and justifiable, feelings are never permitted to be brought to the surface, due to the mindless mouthings about Gary idolizing his half-sister, he'll find hidden ways to "get back at" her and his mother for the "crime" of displacing him. A kiss may turn into a bite. A squeeze may include a painful pinch, or a wham that isn't a love-pat. These possibilities aren't cited to frighten Mrs. A., but to suggest that she allow her son to get his rivalrous emotions out of his system in open ways, through talk. He must be assured that no loss of

Especially with a child who has for so long held the juvenile spotlight in his mother's life, some patient explaining and listening are in order. His acceptance of what must be a competitor cannot be taken for granted, no matter how delighted he appears.

This is not to imply that Gary isn't genuinely tickled with the "something" that has been added. She's someone to show off, someone to talk about, and later to talk to and play with. And she's close kin. But he needs help to fill in a new emptiness in his heart about his place in the home. He can't figure it out all alone.